(a) Expeditious implementation of capacity addition programme. The installed capacity of power in the country has increased to 97836.88 MW on 31-3-2000.

(b) Promotion of measures for demand side management.

(c) Renovation and modernisation (R&M) of existing old generating units.

(d) Disbursement of loans by Power Finance Corporation for improving operation and maintenance of thermal power stations under accelerated generation programme.

(e) Promotion of inter-state and inter-regional power transfers.

(f) Coordinated operation of Hydro, thermal, nuclear and gas turbine power stations in the regional power system.

(g) Augmentation of transmission, transformation capacity in the power system and installation of shunt capacitors to improve the voltage.

(h) Reduction of transmission and distribution losses.

With the above measures, the peak deficit has reduced from 13.9% in 1998-99 to 12.4% in 1999-2000.

Electricity dues of IDPL

4084. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether more than rupees 27 crores as electricity dues are pending against IDPL, Hyderabad which is referred to BIFR; and

(b) if so, the action initiated to clear the dues early on behalf of the PSU and help the State Electricity Board running in huge losses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) Yes, Sir. The amount of electricity dues of APSEB/AP TRANSCO upto February, 2000 is about Rs. 34.00 crores.

(b) These dues will be dealt with in accordance with the decision regarding the revival of IDPL.